

Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Mr. Quinnan introduced a bill, further regulating proceedings in the District Court. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill to define the Homestead not in a town or city. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Herbert introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Columbus, Tap Railway Company, approved 2nd February, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills reported a bill reserving certain lands therein named from sale location or patent correctly engrossed.

Mr. Hyde offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

*Be it resolved*, That in the death of General Forbes Britton, the community in which he lived has lost one of its brightest ornaments; the State of Texas, one of her most able and efficient representatives in her Senate; his family, a true, faithful and devoted husband, father and friend.

*Resolved* That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased

*Resolved*, That the members of the Senate wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother.

*Resolved*, That the Senate now stand adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 21st, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Stockdale presented the petitions of H. McB. Pridgeon and John R. Hamilton and wife. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin, chairman of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred a bill to amend the act supplemental to an act to regulate estrays, approved February 5, 1861, reported a substitute for the bill and recommended its adoption.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following reports :

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to incorporate the Galveston Seminary, and direct me to report the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill further regulating proceedings in the Districts courts, reported a substitute for the bill and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, substitute read, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Columbus Tap Railway Company, approved 2nd February, 1860, returned the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an act to incorporate the Southern Cotton Press and Manufacturing Company, approved February 11th, 1860, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule suspended, bill taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Duggan, Dalaney, Eaton, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Neal, Parsons, Potter, Quinn, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale and Walker—22.

NAYS—Mr. Throckmorton—1.

Mr. Miller, from the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill concerning the corporation of the town of Crockett reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the rule suspended bill taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to attach the unorganized counties of Wichita, Wilbarger, Hardeman and Greer, to the county of Clay, so as to form one Land District.

A bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Galveston Turner's Association reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage,



Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill making an appropriation to pay for mules furnished the military service of the State. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill to regulate forced sales of property under execution by Sheriffs, and other officers. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harmon introduced a bill to repeal the joint resolution respecting county Surveyors, approved December 29th, 1837. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Land Office.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to incorporate the Sherman Odd Fellows Female Institute. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills reported a bill to provide for running the county lines between the counties of Marion, Cass and Titus, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Walker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, by the Senate, that the committee on Finance take into consideration the propriety and impropriety of reducing the number of officers, and also the salaries and fees of the officers of the State of Texas, and that they report by bill or otherwise as soon as practicable. Adopted.

Mr. Fall, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee on the Land Office, be instructed to enquire into the necessity of having all documents relating to land or land titles, that are now at different points in this State, removed to, and deposited in the General Land Office, and that they report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Mr. Neal was added to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, Mr. Branch was added to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Gunn, Mr. Duggan was placed on the committee of Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Messrs. Lott and Throckmorton, were added to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to encourage the establishment of Manufactories in the State of Texas, being the special order was taken up.

Mr. Fall, offered the following amendment :

Add after the word powder, "and leather," "and all articles manufactured of leather."

On motion the bill and amendment was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

The President announced the receipt of a communication from the Secretary of the Convention, containing the ordinances of that body, which was on motion laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising reporting a substitute for the bill to amend the act supplementary to an act to regulate estrays, approved February 5th, 1861, was, on motion of Mr. Guinn, taken up, and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Guinn then offered a substitute, and on motion the bill was referred to the committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, the Senate adjourned til 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 22nd, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Dulaney, presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Panola county. Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Rains presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wood county. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following reports :

The Judiciary committee have considered the petition in relation to the oath to be taken by attorneys at law and direct me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to amend the fourth section of an act of May 12th, 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, and

To amend the second section of the act of February 11th, 1854, entitled an act to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved January 24th 1860. Read first time.

The Judiciary committee have considered the application of the Chief Justice of Titus county, for the passage of an act authorizing the County Court of said county, to transfer a portion of the accumulated jury fund of said county, to the general county fund, and a majority of the committee direct me to report a general bill on the subject, and recommend its passage.

A bill to authorize the County Courts of the several counties